



Waukesha Police Department Media Release

Officer Involved Shooting on Pebble Valley Road

On Sunday July 5, 2020 at approximately 8:19 pm officers from the Waukesha Police Department responded to 2400 Block of Pebble Valley to investigate a Domestic Abuse incident in which the suspect attempted to strangle the victim. During the assault the suspect also brandished a handgun and threatened to shoot family members and police officers. The victim was able to get away from her assailant along with three young children that were at the residence during the assault. The suspect was a 45-year-old white male.

Responding officers approached the residence and established a perimeter and began to make attempts to communicate with the suspect in order to secure his cooperation and prevent the situation from escalating. While attempting to negotiate with the suspect he suddenly began shooting at officers from a window in an elevated position. Suspect rounds struck an armored vehicle that officers were occupying. Based on the imminent threat of death to officers and citizens in his field of fire, officers were forced to discharge their firearms to stop the threat generated by the suspect's actions.

After the exchange of gunfire officers attempted to make voice contact with the suspect but had no success. An entry was made into the residence and the suspect was located deceased by an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Two firearms were recovered on scene. The involved officers' experience ranges from three to fifteen years on the Police Department. One officer was injured by shrapnel when one of the suspect's rounds struck the armored vehicle. That officer was treated at a local hospital and released. The involved officers have been placed on administrative leave based on departmental policy.

The Milwaukee Area Investigative Team, with the City of Greenfield Police Department as the Lead Agency, is conducting the investigation. In order to maintain the integrity of the investigation and respect the judicial process, we will not be responding to any questions at this time. More details will be released as the investigation moves forward.

We would like to thank the New Berlin Police Department, Waukesha Sheriff's Department and Wisconsin State Patrol for their assistance.

Initial information shows that the officers acted within state statutes and department policy, and fulfilled the Mission of the Waukesha Police Department, "A Pledge to Serve with Integrity, Honor and Courage".

Daniel P. Thompson
Chief of Police